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In re Application of: :  
Brian L. Ganz et al., :  
Application No.: 09/982,048 :  
Filed: October 18, 2001 :  
For: AUTOMATED VERIFICATION AND :  
INSPECTION DEVICE FOR :  
SEQUENTIALLY INSPECTING :  
MICROSCOPIC CRYSTALS :

DECISION ON PETITION TO  
MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition, filed October 18, 2001, pursuant to M.P.E.P. 708.02(XII):  
Biotechnology, to make the above-identified application special.

A grantable petition under M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section XII, SPECIAL STATUS FOR  
APPLICATIONS RELATING TO BIOTECHNOLOGY FILED BY APPLICANTS WHO ARE  
SMALL ENTITIES. Applicant must file a petition with the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i)  
requesting the special status and must:

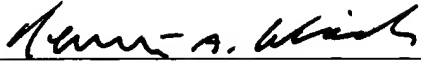
- (A) state that small entity status has been established or include a statement establishing  
small entity status;
- (B) state that the subject of the patent application is a major asset of the small  
entity; and
- (C) state that the development of the technology will be significantly impaired if  
examination of the patent application is delayed, including an explanation of the  
basis for making the statement.

All the above requirements are met and the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will retain its special status throughout its entire course of prosecution in the  
Patent and Trademark Office, including appeal, if any to the Board of Patent Appeals and  
Interferences, subject only to diligent prosecution by the applicant. The application file will be  
forwarded to the examiner for expedited prosecution.

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